

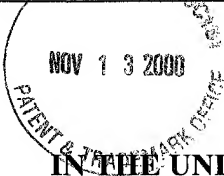
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In Re: Patent Application of :
Susan J. Kirst *et al.* : Attention:
: **Box Missing Parts**
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: Filed: June 16, 2000 :
: For: Novel Gene Encoding Proteins Having : Attorney Docket
Diagnostic, Preventive, Therapeutic, and : No. **10147-11U1** (210147.0025)
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petitions for a one (1)-month extension of time to and including November 21, 2000 for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional application mailed August 21, 2000. A response to the Notice accompanies this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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